



# Department of Defense INSTRUCTION

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SUBJECT: Financial Assistance to Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

References: (a) DoD Instruction 1342.18, "Criteria and Procedures for Providing Assistance to Local Education Agencies," June 3, 1991 (hereby canceled)  
(b) Section 7703 note of title 20, United States Code

## 1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Instruction:

1.1. Reissues reference (a) to update responsibilities and procedures for providing financial assistance to eligible LEAs that benefit dependents of members of the Armed Forces and Department of Defense civilian employees.

1.2. Implements reference (b).

## 2. APPLICABILITY

This Instruction applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Military Departments (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components"). The term "Armed Forces," as used herein, refers to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Marine Corps.

## 3. DEFINITIONS

3.1. Local Education Agency (LEA). A board of education or other legally constituted local school authority having administrative control and direction of free public education in a county, township, independent school district, or other school

district, and any State agency that directly operates and maintains facilities for providing free public education.

3.2. Military Dependent Student. A student that is a dependent child of a member of the Armed Forces or a dependent child of a civilian employee of the Department of Defense.

3.3. State. Each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

#### 4. POLICY

It is DoD policy, under 20 U.S.C. 7703 note (reference (b)), to provide financial assistance to LEAs that benefit military dependent students, when funds are authorized and appropriated for that purpose.

#### 5. RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy, under the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, shall:

5.1.1. Monitor compliance with this Instruction and reference (b).

5.1.2. Ensure that procedures are developed to provide timely notification and payment as required by reference (b).

5.1.3. Confer with the Department of Education to secure data needed to implement reference (b).

#### 6. PROCEDURES

6.1. When authorized to provide financial assistance and when funds have been appropriated for that purpose, DoD will notify LEAs that funds are available.

6.2. DoD will make payments to LEAs based upon data collected by the Department of Education in connection with its administration of the Federal Impact Aid program.

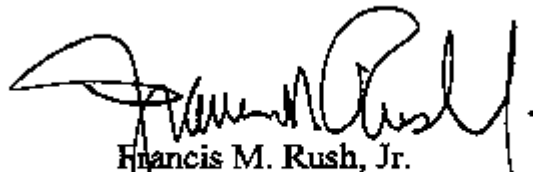
6.3. DoD will secure from the Department of Education a list of LEAs eligible to receive financial assistance from DoD. The list will include the average daily

attendance figures for military dependent students in attendance at each LEA segregated by whether or not such students reside on or off Federal property. When applicable, DoD will also secure a list of LEAs that qualify for adjustments related to base closure and realignment.

6.4. DoD shall comply with all other applicable provisions of 20 U.S.C. 7703 note (reference (b)) when providing financial assistance to LEAs.

## 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Instruction is effective immediately.



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